

## [Mr. Jones' Life in La Crosse County]

TITLE - MR. JONES LIFE IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

AUTHOR'S NAME - MISS DOROTHY LARSON

AUTHOR'S AGE - 13 YEARS

NAME OF SCHOOL - WEST SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOL

AUTHOR'S ADDRESS - WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN

SIGNATURES OF TWO ADULTS

Hannah Jones

W. E. Jones

IA. Wisconsin Complete, identified from interviews - written by school children

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Mr. Jones was 20 years of age when he landed in Bangor. The first hotel keeper was Mr. Johnson. Mr. Bolough was the first real estate man in La Crosse County. Mr. Jones father bought land for one dollar and twenty-five cents up to one dollar and fifty cents an acre which was a high price in those days. He bought 160 acres. 2 Mr. Jones helped his father raise one or two cows, some chickens, potatoes and wheat. The wheat was sold for thirty-five cents a bushel in La Crosse. The few people that lived in the little village of Bangor had to take their products to La Crosse and get all the necessary things they needed. This was one long days journey. There were no bridges in those days so they had to cross the streams by wading through horses and all.

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In the year of 1862, Mr. Jones vent back to Canada to get his bride, whose name is unknown. He returned that same year. They then moved to West Salem and located near where the asylum now stands.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones bought their first necessary furniture at a furniture store, in La Crosse, which was owned by Mr. Anderson.

Their were six children born into this union, two are still living. Mr. Jones is still living in the house which they moved into in the year of 1901. He is living with his daughter Hannah Jones. Mr. Jones is now 94 years of age and has very good health. Title - 43 Mr. Jones Life in La Crosse County. Author's Name - Miss Dorothy Larson. Author's Age - 13 Years. Name of School - West Salem Public School Author's Address - West Salem, Wisconsin. Signatures of two Adults. Hannah Jones. W. E. Jones. MR. Jone's Life in La Crosse County. 35 Mr. Jones was born May 20, 1833 in Canada. In 1853 he and his father, stepmother, and four brothers left Canada, in search for good land. They had read

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